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#### IN THE CLAIMS:

##### 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An injection device from which doses can be apportioned from a medicament containing cartridge wherein the injection device comprises  
a cartridge holder (2);  
an axial element (17) provided at the first end of the cartridge holder (2);  
an inward protrusion (18) perpendicular to the axial element (17), the protrusion forming the closure of the cartridge holder ~~and may be moved~~ being moveable in a radial direction relative to the cartridge holder (2), ~~and which is being~~ biased to be deflected outwardly;  
a ring (3) mounted on the device and being rotatable between a first position and a second position, the ring having pins (10) extending through slots (11) in the cartridge holder (2) and into tracks (16) in the tubular element (12) on which the axial elements (17) are arranged, the tracks (16) being helical so that the tubular element (12) is displaced in an axial direction when the ring (3) is rotated from the first position to the second position and whereby the axial element (17) when moved axially out of the cartridge holder (2) is deflected outwardly.

##### 8. (Currently amended) An injection device comprising:

an axial element into which a cartridge of medication can be mounted, the axial element being radially expandable at least at one end;

a rotatable ring, the ring coupled to the axial element so that when the ring rotates the axial element moves axially; and

wherein when the axial element is moved in a distal direction at least a portion of the axial element expands radially to allow the cartridge to be placed into the injection device or removed therefrom, wherein the coupling of the rotatable ring to the axial element comprises a helical groove and a pin riding in the helical groove.